Application No. 10/659,748 Attorney Docket No. 031140

**REMARKS** 

Claims 1-3 and 6-20 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-3 and 6-19 are

rejected. Claim 20 is objected to as depending from a rejected claim, but would be allowable if

rewritten in independent form and including all the limitations of the base claim.

Claim 1 is herein amended to include the subject matter of claim 20, indicated by the

Examiner to be allowable. No new matter has been presented.

In view of the aforementioned amendments and accompanying remarks, Applicants

submit that the claims, as herein amended, are in condition for allowance. Applicants request

such action at an early date.

If the Examiner believes that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the

Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney to arrange for an interview to

expedite the disposition of this case.

If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate

extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect

to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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